

ROME HAS DENIAL THAT GERMANY IS NEGOTIATING FOR ENDING WAR

OSSOWETZ IS SCENE OF BIG FIGHT IN EAST

Germans Begin Fresh Attack for Possession of Russian Fortress.

HOWITZERS ARE USED

Emperor William Personally Directing Austrian Armies on Carpathian Front.

London, April 13.—On the "high-seat German anarchy" Rome has denied reports that Germany is considering peace negotiations. From this source comes a statement that the German general staff has made plans for resumption of the offensive with vigor.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—An official bulletin from Vienna received at the Austrian embassy states the Russian offensive in the Carpathians has been brought to a standstill and that counter attacks had broken the Russian lines at several places.

London, April 13.—German attack on Russian forces in the north near the Prussian frontier was resumed yesterday and another battle is in progress for possession of the important Russian fortress of Ossowetz. Petrograd semi-officially states the invaders have brought up Howitzers and begun a new bombardment. One of the German siege batteries is said to have been damaged by Russian guns.

Five independent Austrian armies are operating along the Carpathian front. According to Petrograd the various Austrian armies in this campaign are under the direction of the German general staff. It is said also that Emperor William personally is supervising the work of the staff.

In Bukowina heavy fighting is in progress, according to a Bucharest dispatch. Of two Austrian armored trains which advanced against the Russians yesterday one is said to have been blown up and the other forced to withdraw after damage.

Claim French Attacks Repulsed.
French attacks yesterday everywhere were repulsed, according to Berlin. A French announcement that 500 bombs were thrown upon the station and laundry at Bruges is denied. Nine bombs fell in the suburbs of Bruges, two in Bruges itself, without damage, the statement asserts. German troops threw large quantities of bombs into Poperinge, Hazebrouck and Kassel, towns occupied by British troops. There is no change in the eastern front. Paris says in Aragon there have been mining operations and bomb grenade throwing between opposing trenches. Between Meuse and Moselle French came in contact at several points with wire entanglements on the German defenses.

Turkish Encampment Bombed.
The French ministry of marine issued this statement: "Yesterday a battery with French seaplanes bombed an important Turkish encampment in the neighborhood of Gallipoli."

Bombardment of Gaza marks development of hostilities in a new quarter. Gaza is in southern Palestine, near the Egyptian frontier.

New Italian War Move.
Rome, April 13.—An order is printed in the Military Journal directing all army officers to dull the metal on their uniforms and scabbards of swords. This is a measure usually adopted on the eve of war.

MUSCATINE FEARS A DROP IN POPULATION

Muscatine, Iowa, April 13.—That Muscatine's population will make a poor showing in the present state enumeration is the fear of those connected with the figures which have been turned in at the office of the county auditor. The present enumeration has been completed and reported in three wards and the final figures in the remaining ward will probably be received late this week.

Taking the figures in the three wards reported as a basis of calculations it is feared that the present enumeration will show an apparent falling off in population below the mark of ten years ago. It is declared that a better showing will have to be made in the one ward yet to report than has been turned in by the state enumerators for the other three wards. If the total is to pass the surprisingly low figure of 15,000. The 1900 state census gave the city a population of 15,007 while the national census in 1910 showed the population to be 16,172.

HOUSE REPUBS IN CAMPAIGN PLANS

Committee Named to Map Out Action To Be Followed in Next Fight For State Control.

Springfield, Ill., April 13.—At a caucus of house republicans today the following steering committee was named by Chairman De Young to have charge of the legislative program and make plans for the next state campaign:

Representative Shurtliff, vice chairman; Boyer, Thomas, Corras, Dodge,

Fleagle, Frankhauser, W. J. Graham,

Holiday, Lyon, McCormick, Pier-

son, Provine, Rentschler, Rothschild,

Scanlon, Smeal, Tice, Turnbaugh,

Watson, George H. Wilson.

A boxing bill providing 10-rounds no decision bouts, and following closely the New York boxing law, will be reported to the lower house as a committee bill, according to members of the license and miscellany committee.

The Piercy resolution, providing for submission to an amendment to the amending clause of the constitution was defeated in the senate today, when it failed to receive the required two-thirds. The vote was 23 for and five against.

Landee did not vote on this resolution.

The senate killed the Smith resolution for submission of an amendment to abolish cumulative voting for members of the legislature. Landee voted for the resolution.

The house killed the Lyon bill, which sought to give protection against garnishment where garnishment already has taken place. The measure was laid on the table, 58 to 46. Lee O'Neill Browne declared the Lyon bill, along with two other bills introduced by the same author seeking to amend the bulk sales act, was vicious and would make small downtown merchants the slaves of Chicago wholesalers.

RESCUE PATIENTS AT DUNNING FIRE

Drill Worked Without Hitch at Institution for Insane—Loss Is Put at \$5,000.

Chicago, Ill., April 13.—Two hundred convalescent patients in the Chicago state hospital for insane were rescued today from a fire which destroyed a frame structure used as an annex to the institution at Dunning. The fire drill was worked without a hitch. Some of the 2,300 other inmates of the institution were guarded to prevent a panic or undue excitement in the main building a few hundred feet from the fire. The loss was \$5,000.

BURIAL OF WILLIAM M'CORMICK AT ALEDO

(Special to The Argus).

Aledo, April 13.—Funeral services for William S. McCormick, a prominent citizen of this city, were held this afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. Rev. E. A. Moody officiated and burial was in the Aledo cemetery. Services at the grave were conducted by the mayor and assured him there was nothing wrong.

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